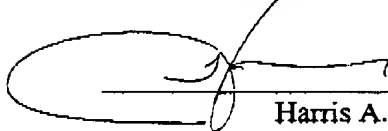


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**SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE AN OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a), Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an Office Action. A Statement by the

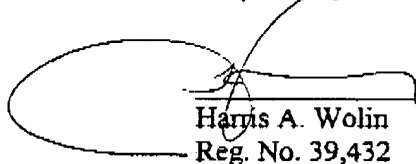
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Applicant's attorney accompanies this Petition. Pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c), no petition fee should be required.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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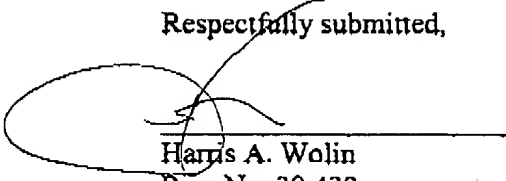
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that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted, that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the Office Action be re-mailed with a new mailing date.

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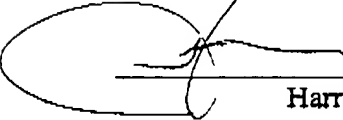
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) and MPEP §711.03(c)(I and II), Applicant's legal representative registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office hereby makes this statement in support of Applicant's Supplemental Petition to

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Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, which is responsive to the Decision on Petition dated July 29, 2002 denying Applicant's Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment dated May 28, 2002.

The Decision on Petition dated July 29, 2002, was based on Applicant's failure to notify the USPTO of a change of address prior to November 9, 2001. The Decision also states that "It thus appears that the Office action was mailed to the old address, still of record, at a time when applicant was located at the new address."

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Decision on Petition because Applicant's prior correspondence address, namely:

Helfgott & Karas, P.C.
Empire State Building, 60th Floor
New York, NY 10118-0110

is still a valid address. Applicant currently receives mail from the United States Patent and Trademark Office at such address every day. Applicant also receives mail at the current correspondence address of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman. Both addresses are valid addresses for the Applicant. Thus, if an Office Action was sent to the Helfgott & Karas address, Applicant should have received it.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Applicant's Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment be granted and that the Examiner re-issue the first Office Action and re-set the mailing date accordingly.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further